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CLERK: 11 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Motion lost. Other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR SIMPSON: The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to strike section 11 of the Barnett amendment. Signed Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Give all the great advocates of public interest here a chance to rehabilitate themselves a little bit this morning. This, of course, has come down to the great public interest bill in which we put Barnett, Senator Barnett cleans up the bill. The original section 11 this bill introduced to protect the people of the State of Nebraska, establish some good standards and regulate this housing industry, and by establishing a board. The original language read, "The Committee shall represent a cross section of those having an extensive interest in manufactured housing and in manufactured housing construction, plumbing, heating or electrical systems." Now you tell me, how you can write into a bill that the people who are going to control and set the standards have to have an extensive interest in the subject and industry that they are controlling and regulating. Public interest, huh? Sell it to somebody else. So Senator Barnett says he is going to clean it up or amend it. He amends it by saying that it will have seven members who represent industrial management, architecture, professional engineering, organized labor and municipal building inspection plus a manufacturer as defined in the act and a dealer as defined in the act and his great protection is that no one business can have more than one person on the board. Terrific control and regulation. Terrific public interest. You have got to be able to make money out of this system to get on the board to control to see who is going to make money and under what standards. Public interest, control and regulation. You are creating a board here to protect this industry, not to regulate it, not to control, control it and protect the public interest. To protect this housing industry, that is all it can be because you create the board that is of the industry itself. There is no other way. You shouldn't kid yourselves. Senator Bereuter shouldn't kid himself. Senator Barnett shouldn't kid himself and this Legislature shouldn't be able to fool the public. That is what this bill is for and let's say it before you pass it which you are going to do. But this amendment should be adopted and then I will have another.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think we should all take what Senator Cavanaugh has said in light of the problems he has had this morning and I would call for the question and get this over with.